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TAGS: PFOR, UR, SW

SUBJECT: POSTSCRIPT TO PALME VISIT

REF: MOSCOW 5731

1. ADDRESSEES MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN LENINGRAD FINALE OF PALME'S VISIT TO SOVIET UNION. STORY IS AS FOLLOWS AND OUR SOURCE IS UNIMPEACHABLE.

2. IN SCHEDULING PALME'S DEPARTURE TIME FROM LENINGRAD, VIA SAS SCHEDULED FLIGHT, SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICIALS NEGLECTED TO CONSIDER THAT AEROFLOT PLANE BRINGING PALME FROM NOVOSIBIRSK WOULD HAVE TO MAKE REFUELING STOP. AIRCRAFT DUTIFULLY LANDED IN SKYTYVKAR AND PALME AND COMPANY WERE MET BY LOCAL OFFICIALS AND GIVEN TWO HOUR RECEPTION BEFORE GROUP TOOK OFF FOR LENINGRAD.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, SWEDISH PASSENGERS BOOKED ON SAS FLIGHT WERE COOLING THEIR HEELS AND BECAME VERY UNHAPPY AS DEPARTURE DELAY STRETCHED OUT TO SOME THREE HOURS. THE INNOCENT BUT TARDY PALME FINALLY BOUNDED UP THE STEPS OF THE SAS PLANE, WHEREUPON THE SWEDES ROSE UP IN THEIR SEATS, SHOOK THEIR FISTS, AND YELLED "YOU BASTARD, SON-OF-A-BITCH\*" ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE STARTLED PALME AND HIS TWO NERVOUS SECURITY AGENTS

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HASTILY VANISHED INTO THE RELATIVE TRANQUILITY OF THE AIRCRAFT'S

FORWARD SECTION WHILE THE LOCAL SAS REPRESENTATIVE ATTEMPTED  
TO CALM DOWN THE IRATE PASSENGERS BY EXPLAINING--UNSUCCESSFULLY--  
THAT THE DELAY WAS NOT PALME'S FAULT.

4. COMMENT: THERE IS SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR USING SPECIAL  
MISSION AIRCRAFT.

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